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First is the news of a drive to get people lined up to harvest and process the canning crops. County agricultural agents of the Extension Service, in cooperation with the United States Employment Service, and the Office of Civilian Defense, and local operators of canning plants, are looking for people to help with the work. In the major canning crop counties, they'll ask people immediately to pledge their work to get in the crops and get them processed.

The official crop report issued at 3 o'clock yesterday gives us the following information: We're still producing livestock and livestock products on a record scale. In January we produced about 1 percent more milk and 11 percent more eggs than in January last year. However, neither milk production per cow nor egg production per hen quite came up to the great production per unit in January of 1942. We have more cows on farms, & more pullets to add to the laying flocks than at this time last year. Farmers report plans to buy more young chicks than ever before.

At present prices, demand for high-protein feeds is greater than the supply.

Producers of citrus fruit expect a record crop of grapefruit, a near-record production of oranges and tangerines and a fairly large lemon crop.

Yesterday Albert Plews of Greenacres, Washington stepped out of the USDA War Board office for Spokane County, with the first loan to be made under the new credit program--money supplied by Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation. He'll use the loan to buy six dairy cows and three brood sows.

Note to peanut growers: peanuts for edible trade and peanuts for oil will get exactly the same support price. At present parity level, this would be an average of about \$129 a ton. That does not count the incentive payments.



